

Transcript of Press Availability After House Democratic Caucus Meeting

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– Congressman John La

Rep. Larson:

Well, good morning and

Let me say, as we have said repeatedly since we have come back with the compression of time that exi

Also, as we have reiterated here week in and week out, job creation equals deficit reduction. And the mo

We're disheartened to see that we've already given up Friday. We don't know what the schedule is for now.

I believe it was the Australian Prime Minister who said, America is one vote away from claiming dominance.

With that, let me turn it over to the future Chair of the Democratic Caucus, Xavier Becerra.

Rep. Becerra

: Mr. Chairman, thank you.

I guess I'm going to repeat what I've said before. Let's take, let's take the Tom Cole deal. Republican members.

And so I guess what we would do is repeat to Speaker Boehner. Mr. Boehner, take the 98% deal let the

Two thirds of the American public, we're learning now, object to way Speaker Boehner is handling these

What's at stake? Well, we're learning, beginning to learn, the American people are beginning to hear wh

And so, the reality is we have a solution, we've had a solution all along it's just a matter of letting the peo

Mr. Speaker, put the bill on the floor. Let's take the 98% deal as your own colleague, our colleague, Rep

And with that, let me yield to the future Vice Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, our colleague from Ne

Rep. Crowley:

Thank you Xavier, thank

But I say that, in somewhat jest. Because there are an enormous number of things that we have to acco

You know, we all come here to do the job - if we're elected to do and it is very frustrating for us when we

That was one of the biggest things I heard about when I was running for re-election this year; I'm sure m

Economists not only from around the country, but from around the world are saying that a failure to get a

Rep. Larson:

Thank you. We'll take so

Q: Can you share with us any of the trickle out that you just talked about?

Rep. Larson:

The trickle out.. (Laughter)

Q: The Congressman mentioned details were trickling out, could you please share?

Rep. Larson:

Well I think what the Con

Let me, let me say this. You know, we recognize and I think for the public, that we do have a lot of things that we can do. And I think that Speaker

I do not believe that the Republican leader, Speaker Boehner, or their leadership will take this country over.

We do have an opportunity to move forward. As Xavier has pointed out, we have bills on the floor, ready to go.

Q: Mr. Larson, I understand in the President's budget there are cuts to Medicaid that are about \$

Rep. Larson:

Well, until we see what t

Where Democrats are rock solid is we don't think we should be impacting beneficiaries. On CSPAN this

We, like the President, also understand, though, that within the totality of the system and the impact on c

Q: Well, just a follow-up on that: does that mean eligibility age? That's one of the things being di

Rep. Larson:

That's a simple matter o

Rep. Becerra:

Mr. Chairman.

Rep. Larson:

Yeah, go ahead, Xavier.

Rep. Becerra:

If I could just add one thing.

We're willing to make sure that everyone in America sacrifices a little, even those who've been struggling.

Rep. Larson:

Joe.

Rep. Crowley:

I'll just add another point.

Rep. Larson:

One more question.

Well thank you all very much—

Q: Sorry. Just to kind of continue on this conversation, what about something, you know, like CH

Rep. Larson:

But again—well, there's

Look: an election took place. There was a campaign in that election where it was very clear what was at

Rep. Becerra:

You struck a chord with

It's a matter of fairness. The President calls it balance, I'll call it fairness. A lot of folks have given a lot to

And so my final point is this: whenever Republicans try to inject Social Security—to cut Social Security to

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Rep. Larson:

Thank you everybody.

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